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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed for and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which

is attached hereto

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

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(if applicable)

was described and claimed in PCT International application

No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>01109977.7</u> (Number)	<u>European Patent Office</u> (Country)	<u>April 24, 2001</u> (D/M/Y filed)	[ X ] [ ] YES NO
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code,  
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<u>60/286,547</u> (Appln. Serial No.)	<u>April 27, 2001</u> (Filing Date)	<u>pending</u> (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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